

To: House Natural Resource Committee  
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This note is in support of HB 4075. Some years ago before I retired, I conducted a research program asking rural Oregonians about their encounters, and stories about, coyotes. We (my graduate assistant and myself) even went to a sheep auction market and set up a table with the banner: Tell Your Coyote Stories Here. Our presence was welcomed. Additionally, we simply knocked on doors and also were referred to speak to elders who had much experience with coyotes.

We learned that most rural people have a lot of respect for coyotes, and interest in them. These attitudes should be appreciated and cultivated.

Knowing what we now know about the important role of predators in maintaining a healthy ecosystem, no animal in 2020 can be willfully killed—especially not for sport. If our young people are going to have any type of future, the example of living within bounds must be taught — not the opposite.